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108 Great places ideas still welcomed

By Kit Pearson

Time is running out to submit proposals about how to make Adams County a "great place."

A proposal must be submitted to the state by July 1 in order for the community to contend for pilot status with the initiative.

Suggestions are still being accepted on the heels of a June 23 community meeting that generated ideas about how to improve Adams County.

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Adams County Economic Development Corporation coordinator Beth Waddle guesses that at least 100 communities will compete for three pilot-site designations.

"It's a win-win situation. If we don't become a pilot project, we'll be that much further down the road in determining what our future will look like," said Marty Olive.

The following is a list compiled at the June 16 meeting consisting of what the Adams community would like to obtain in the next three to five years:

- Lake Icaria trails
- Arboretum
- Update Facilities at Lake Binder
- Full Service Cabins (Lake

Icaria)

- Housing Projects i.e. Duplex
- Lake Icaria

Expansion/Growth

- Ethanol Plant
- Enclosed - Air conditioned

VIP Suites @ACS

- Bike Trails
- Infrastructure Lake Icaria

- Housing Around Lakes
- Second Home Community
- Comprehensive Zoning & Land Use Plan

- Government Sharing
- Community Sharing
- Government Innovation
- Economic Development
- Regionalism
- Spring Lake Improvements
- Improved Community

Involvement

- Price for Ag. Commodities
- More Pride of Community
- Demolishing/Rehab of old

Buildings.

- Upgrade of Infrastructure
- Burlington-Northern Bridge
- Sally's Alley
- Industrial & Retail Retention
- Recruiting Dentist
- Artists Community
- Gardens in Grove St Play

Park

- City Park repair of shelter
- McNulty Building
- Spring Lake Sub. - New

dunlap

supper

- Annual Red Hat Rendezvous
- Sample Corning
- Christmas Open House

Parade

- Improve website
- Shop Corning
- Natural Nutrients
- Wooden bridge repair
- County wide wellness;
- American Legion members & activities

- Road & sidewalk condition

- Icaria Colony Village

- Fundraising & Restoration of Opera House

- Development of Cultural Center

- Additional Parking at high

school

- Backyard Conservation
- County/City sharing Walking

Track/trail

- Prescott & Icaria SPPG

Possible consolidation of

Cty/City Police.

- Hospital Expansion

- Restoring Thieman Tractor for Kline Museum

- Bilingual educational program

- Lake Icaria Lodge

- New industries in empty store fronts

- County Endowment Funds countywide non-profit organization director .